assistance to the State Govemmehts/Union TerritoryAdministrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Projects proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined on the basis of scheme guidelines and inter-se-priority and funds released subject to a availability under the respective heads.

A list of projects sanctioned to the State of Madhya Pradesh in the current financial year is given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Destination Development of Salkanpur	426.55
2.	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Day	10.00
3.	Destination Development of Shivpuri	297.08
4.	Destination Development of Sanchi	463.50
5.	Destination Development of Orchha	107.50
6.	Destination Development of Tamia	335.68
7.	Gwalior Festival, October, 2007	10.00
8.	Ujjain Destination Development	473.33
f.	Destination Development of Tourist Circuit- Chitrakoot-Dev-Talab Deorkothar	782.13
10.	Rural Tourism at Village Devpur, District Vidisha	40.34
	TOTAL	2946.11

Developing places of worship as tourist places

† 1612. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places of worship in States as on date which have been developed as tourist places during the last two years;

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years in this regard. State-wise; and

(c) the names of the places of worship in the States as on date which are proposed to be developed as tourist places during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism in the States including places of worship is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, during the last two years (2005-06,2006-07) the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 915.92 crore for 531 projects for development and promotion of tourism at tourist destinations including pilgrim sites.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.